

GRAND OPENING FOR LARRY ITLIONG VILLAGE

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On Friday, December 13, 2013, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program partner Little Tokyo Services Center (LTSC) hosted the grand opening of the Larry Itliong Village (formerly known as PWC Housing). The project is shared with LTSC's community and general partner, the Pilipino Workers' Center (PWC).

"This project represents the best of Los Angeles. It shows how diverse communities can come together to create something of lasting good," said Marvin Southard, D.S.W., Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH).



The affordable housing apartments are located in Historic Filipinotown, near downtown Los Angeles. The housing project is made up of 45 units with nine units for Transition Age Youth (TAY) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Of the nine TAY units, five are MHSA-funded. There will be on-site supportive services as well as an on-site manager.

“This is a dream come true for me and my family,” Johnny Itliong told the audience. Johnny Itliong is the son of Larry Itliong for whom the housing community is named after. When he was alive, Larry Itliong championed for 40 years for community unity and advocated for affordable housing. “I wish my father could see this...Thank you, everyone. Thank you all for being part of this.”



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